



**Thriving and Succeeding in an Unstable World
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Legend of the Call Week 8: Daniel

Occupation: Teenage slave to Nebuchadnezzar

Place in Life: Prophet of God

Calling: To become the second most powerful man in the world for the glory of God.

How to Thrive and Succeed in an Unstable World:

1 Learn to never let adversity catch you off guard.

1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

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I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world.

**What is the typical response when we go through adversity?
We start the blame game.**

To do this is to B-lame.

4 Sources for the Adversity I Face in this Life:

- **Myself** – I'm the number one cause of my adversity.
 - Romans 7
- **World** – We lower our standards for the world's approval.
 - 1 John 2:15-16
- **Satan** – The devil is real.
 - Ephesians 6:10-12
- **God** – God will shake up my life for very good reasons.
 - Romans 5:3-5

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Look for ways God might use this adversity for good.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

5 Reasons God Allows Adversity into my Life:

- To inspect me and show me what's wrong in my life.

Jeremiah 17:10 (NLT)

But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.

Deuteronomy 8:2 (NIV)

Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

Question to ask: What does this problem reveal about me?

- To correct me and change the character flaws in my life.

Hebrews 12:8-11 (CEV)

God corrects all his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him. Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them. Isn't it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us? Our human fathers correct us for a short time, and they do it as they think best. But God corrects us for our own good, because he wants us to be holy, as he is. It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace.

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When he spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but, “Next time,” he says, “I will not only shake the earth but the heavens too.” By this he means that he will sift out everything without solid foundations so that only unshakable things will be left.

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Question to ask: What is this problem teaching me?

- To direct me — He wants to point me in a new direction.

Proverbs 16:9 (GW)

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“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.”.

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